

**Hot Issues (elevation/awareness)**

- **Oak Ridge Reservation, Oak Ridge, TN:** The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board held its first meeting since the pandemic virtually on March 10<sup>th</sup>. DOE presented the FY21 environmental budget and priorities, and provided a status update on current environmental management projects. DOE stated that there would be a public information session on the EMDF related to the wastewater discharge, though no dates were given. The virtual meeting was not well attended by the public, though several TDEC and DOE representatives attended.
- **Davidson Community Asbestos, Davidson, NC:** There are 11 parcels with the EPA analytical results at or above the site established health-risk based criteria for asbestos contaminated surface soils. 10 parcels are residential parcels and 1 parcel is a Town of Davidson public park parcel. GIS tools are being utilized by the OSC, NCDEQ and START contractor to manage the site. Staff are developing a communications strategy finalizing the Community Involvement Plan for the site. Precipitation has continued to significantly delay the ability to initiate and perform removal work at the site. When weather permits, the team and contractors will mobilize to the site to continue site work and begin excavation of asbestos contaminated soils.
- **Alabama Army Ammunition Plant, Childersburg, AL:** The RPM was approached by the current owner of the southern portion of the original Ammunition Plant, Resolute Forest Products (RFP). RPM contacted RFP to request additional information on the actual property which will be transferred to a new owner. This information will be used to better determine the nature of the letter which might be offered to the future owner. EPA has not received a response to date.
- **35th Avenue Site, Birmingham, AL:** Of the 1,970 properties sampled, 658 require cleanup due to elevated arsenic, lead, and/or polyaromatic hydrocarbons. To date, 552 residential properties have been addressed. Thirty of the 69 properties on the two existing warrants have been excavated. Both warrants expire in June. A larger crew is onsite to address both warrants. EPA will mail the fact sheet to all residents by the end of the week.
- **Westside Lead Site (Elm Street), Atlanta, GA:** The Removal program continues to excavate and restore property. Of the 1,087 residential properties identified within the site, access agreements have been obtained for 571 properties, 511 properties have been sampled, and 206 properties require removal due to their exceedance of 400 ppm in lead. Of those 206 properties requiring removal, 64 have been completed, 2 are in progress, and 140 removals remain (including in progress). To date, 17,578 tons of non-hazardous soil has been disposed. All the sample targets needed to qualify for the NPL have been achieved using lead and arsenic as the primary contaminants. Sampling will continue at the site. SEMD will continue to coordinate with GAEPD and the City of Atlanta regarding EPA's formal request for NPL listing in June 2021, with the next meeting planned for April.
- **Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL:** The Navy, EPA, and FDEP held a quarterly meeting to discuss ongoing site issues. There was a discussion on the completed RCRA demolition activities at OU10, a former wastewater treatment plant being addressed by CERCLA (soils) and RCRA (operations and groundwater). The Navy recently demolished the plant which included significant piping and handrails with lead-based paint. EPA review of site restoration plan included a comment that lead sampling would need to be completed after the demolition to ensure the soils are protective. Though the Navy response agreed to complete the sampling it had yet to be completed during the restoration of the plant. The Navy re-evaluated the restoration and their responses and, subsequently, agreed to complete a lead sampling plan based on their original response. The RPM will review the path forward offered by the Navy and determine whether this is sufficient or whether EPA will need to write a letter for additional work under the FFA.

- **Southside Chattanooga Lead Site, Chattanooga, TN:** On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the RPM will be delivering a virtual presentation to the UTC Air & Water Pollution Control class on the Southside Chattanooga Lead Site. The presentation is part of a series on the source and production of environmental pollutants.
- **Clearwater Finishing site, Akin, SC:** A non-profit corporation purchased an 8-acre portion of the Clearwater Finishing site in November 2020. It has recently come to EPA's attention that part of the property is being used by teens as a skate park. The new property owner denied verbal requests for access. A written request for access is going to the new property owner this week. The RPM participated in a call with SCDHEC and Aiken County regarding permit applications for a skate park and animal shelter at the site, no permits have been given to the owner. There is limited data available, but the skate park area is near an area of a historical soil sample that is above Removal Management Levels for PCBs. Once access is granted, the removal site evaluation can begin. Remedial/Removal held conference call to discuss path forward. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the OSC will travel to Aiken/Clearwater to request access to the Site and, contingent on access, perform a Site Inspection walkthrough.

#### **Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**

- **March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Hercules, Inc. in Hattiesburg, MS sampling event throughout the week. This event will re-collect sample analyses that were delayed in transit and had to be discarded, as well as complete collection that was interrupted by the severe weather event. A combination of Regional laboratory and CLP resources will support the new event.
- **March 17<sup>th</sup>:** Southside Chattanooga Lead site virtual presentation to the UTC Air & Water Pollution Control class, which is part of a series on the source and production of environmental pollutants.
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>:** OLEM Monthly Business Review
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Navy will host a virtual public meeting for the upcoming PFAS sampling of private wells near Camp Lejeune/Camp Davis virtual public meeting. Local residents with private wells will have an opportunity to request well sampling.
- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Kerr-McGee (Navassa, NC) Quarterly virtual public meeting with the NCDEQ and Multistate Trust. Local elected officials routinely attend. The media may also attend.
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Mississippi Phosphates public meeting. MDEQ invited EPA to participate in a meeting with the public about the work being done at the site. EPA programs include SEMD, LCRD, Air, and Water, which are expected to give updates.
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>:** SEMD Quarterly Strategic Planning Meeting

#### **Contact with Elected Officials**

- None